

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-66 were previously pending in the application. Claims 2-3 and 23-24 are canceled; claims 1 and 22 are amended; and new claims 67-84 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-22, and 25-84 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

On page 2 of the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4, 16-17, 20-23, 25, 41-42, and 45-46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hedberg. On pages 3-4, the Examiner objected to claims 3, 5-15, 18-19, 24, 26-40, and 43-44 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. On page 3, the Examiner allowed claims 47-66. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over Hedberg.

Claims 1 and 22

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 3. As such, currently amended claim 1 is equivalent to previously pending claim 3 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 1 is allowable. Since claims 4-21 depend variously from claim 1, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

Claim 22 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 24. As such, currently amended claim 22 is equivalent to previously pending claim 24 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 22 is allowable. Since claims 25-46 depend variously from claim 22, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

New Claims 67-84

Support for new claims 67-84 is found as follows:

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Support</u>
67	Claims 1, 4, and 5
68	Claim 6
69	Claim 9
70	Claim 10
71	Claims 22, 25, and 26
72	Claim 27
73	Claim 30
74	Claim 31
75	Claims 1, 4, and 13
76	Claim 14
77	Claim 15
78	Claims 22, 25, and 34
79	Claim 35
80	Claim 36
81	Claims 22, 25, and 37
82	Claim 38
83	Claim 39
84	Claim 40

New claim 67 is equivalent to previously pending claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 67 is allowable. Since new claims 68-70 depend from claim 67, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

New claim 71 is equivalent to previously pending claim 26 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 71 is allowable. Since new claims 72-74 depend from claim 71, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

New claim 75 is equivalent to previously pending claim 13 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 75 is allowable. Since new claims 76-77 depend variously from claim 75, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.


New claim 78 is equivalent to previously pending claim 34 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 78 is allowable. Since new claims 79-80 depend variously from claim 78, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

New claim 81 is equivalent to previously pending claim 37 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 81 is allowable. Since new claims 82-84 depend from claim 81, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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